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26 September, 1983

Board of Governors,
University of Alberta

Gentlemen;

I am writing to you to register my support for Mr. Fryer and Technocracy: the application of the "commercial tennants only" rule is fundamentally unfair in this case since it is retroactive.

Let me outline my interest in the matter: I am a Uof A alumnus (BA Hons, Anthropology, 1969) and former sessional lecturer (Anthropology 1973-1976), currently assembling source material on the history of religious and political movements in Alberta. This is an individual effort (ie. not funded), although some of my research in this area has been sponsored by Alberta Historic Sites. Mr. Fryer and I have discussed the possibility of collaborating in researching the history of Technocracy in Western Canada. While this project will not be harmed by your proposed eviction of the Technocracy office, it may never have come up had not Mr. Fryer been so easily available.

This leads me to the general question of private intellectual initiative within the university community. There are many "drop-ins" like myself, who use university facilities, particularly the library, almost daily. The Hub mall is our natural gathering place. We are not part of your constituency in any way, so there is no point in objecting to any decision arrived at within the

administration of the university. I realize that HUB may be a bit of a white elephant, and that you are only trying to salvage what you can.

Be that as it may, I can only deplore what I see as a deterioration in the intellectual quality of the "street life" of the University of Alberta. Recently the HUB mall suffered a serious blow in the loss of Charing Cross Books. No doubt the reasons behind this were "purely business": I would like to point out to you however, that privately owned bookstores, each with its own flavour, are the very life of older university communities. Surely the University should go out of its way to ensure the growth of intellectually oriented services in its midst.

In addition, two large bulletin boards were removed from HUB this summer and have not been replaced: surely the intention is not to let this situation remain: even Safeway stores have community bulletin boards.

The HUB Mall is perhaps the main location of interaction between the University and the community at large: its primarily commercial nature ensures that. However, if you succeed in sanitizing it entirely, it is the University of Alberta which must lose out in the long run.

Please reconsider the position of Technocracy. Mr. Fryer rented his office when there was a great deal of empty space in Hub; he is apparently willing to pay increased rent.

Alternatively, why not just turn the whole thing over to the Triple 5 Corporation and be done with it?

Sincerely

Gordon Drever

The Graduate Students' Association
NORTH POWER PLANT
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
EDMONTON, ALBERTA
T6G 2E0

September 14, 1983

Walter Fryers
Technocracy Inc.
9203.S - 112th Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6G 205

Dear Mr. Fryers:

You will recall that you talked to me in the G.S.A. office and handed me several copies of a "Declaration of Support" and attched statement about two weeks ago. The G.S.A. Executive considered your case last Monday evening and decided not to intervene in this case.

I wish to point out the following: The University is the landlord of HUB Mall and is therefore entitled to terminate your lease in accordance with legal requirements. We are satisfied that proper procedures have been followed by the University administration, which you did not dispute in our conversation. As for the issue of "academic and intellectual rights and freedoms" you touch upon in your statement of August 5, no other group espousing an important body of thought on campus - like Hillel, Palestinian Students, NDP, et al. - has an office in HUB Mall. All these and other organizations receive permission from Housing and Food Services to set up tables or information booths in HUB Mall for specified periods of time, usually a few hours a week. I would suggest, then, that Technocracy apply to Housing and Food Services for this kind of privilege.

On behalf of the G.S.A. Executive,

Yours sincerely,

Ludger Mogge
Vice-President, External

LM/ds

11704 - 84 Ave. ,
Edmonton, Ab.,
T6G OW1
September 10, 1983

Board of Governors,
University Hall,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Ab.,
T6G 2J9

Dear Board of Governors,

I am a 1955 graduate in Commerce from the University of Alberta and a member of Technocracy.

Technocracy has rented space in Hub Mall for the past six years and is now being asked to vacate. I think it is a benefit to the University having us on campus. In the past, qualified members of our group have presented lectures to various departments at their request, including Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Education and Industrial Arts.

Technocracy is a unique technological solution to the economic problems of North America. It provides ~~interesting~~ intelligent solutions to economic recession and unemployment.

If we are not permitted to remain in Hub Mall can other space be made available to us on Campus?

Thank you for your anticipated consideration of our impending plight.

Yours sincerely,

Alan R. Collins

Walt - This is draft of letter I mailed today. I would be glad to join with you in meeting Bd of Governors. Al

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
EDMONTON, CANADA
T6G 2J9

OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

3-1 University Hall
Phone: 432 3212

September 9, 1983

Dr. E.H. Shaffer
Professor of Economics
Department of Economics
Faculty of Arts
9-13F Tory Building
University of Alberta
C A M P U S

Dear Dr. Shaffer:

I have received your letter which I consider to be most inappropriate. I am one of the planners to whom you refer in the final paragraph and I do not take too kindly to your suggestion that I do not know "the purpose of a university." I have already indicated to Mr. Fryers that I shall review the matter and, of course, I shall do so as fairly as I know how.

However, whether or not there is academic value to the university in Technocracy's renting space on campus is totally irrelevant. We are dealing with a commercial facility and the matter will be reviewed with that in mind. If an activity is of such academic value that it should be on campus, perhaps one of our programs, departments or faculties should accommodate it in space assigned for academic purposes.

Yours sincerely

Myer Horowitz
President

MH/mn
c.c. Mr. W. Fryers
Mr. R.E. Phillips

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
EDMONTON, Alberta, Canada
T6G 2H4

Copy

September 7, 1983

Dr. Myer Horowitz
President
University of Alberta

Dear Dr. Horowitz:

I am disturbed to learn from one of my former students, Mr. Walter Fryers, that Technocracy has been asked to vacate its premises in the HUB at the end of this month because the HUB is supposed to be reserved for "commercial" establishments. I find this decision incomprehensible.

The HUB, as part of the University, must serve the purposes of the University. One of the chief objectives of any university must be the intellectual and social development of its students. Providing students with "commercial" services is not a proper objective. They can obtain these services without going to the University.

Because Technocracy serves the purpose of intellectual development, it is a legitimate part of the University. I would even favour subsidizing it if that were necessary. But Technocracy is willing to pay its full rent and has been paying it for years. There is thus no sound financial reason for asking it to vacate.

Though I do not subscribe to Technocracy's analysis of our economic problems, I nevertheless feel that it has raised some important questions which have contributed to our understanding of the economy. I would like to point out that some eminent economists, like Veblen, have been associated with it. To close it down would deny the students the right to explore this avenue of thinking.

No first-class university would ever consider giving a "commercial" enterprise priority over an intellectual center. I frankly wonder if your planners have any idea of the purpose of a university. I urge you to impress upon them this purpose and to let Technocracy remain in the HUB.

Sincerely,

Ed. Shaffer, PhD
Professor

cc: W. Fryers
R. E. Phillips

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
EDMONTON, CANADA
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OFFICE of the PRESIDENT
3-1 University Hall
Phone: 432-3212

September 2, 1983

Dr. Gordon Fearn
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
Faculty of Arts
University of Alberta
C A M P U S

Dear Dr. Fearn:

Re: Technocracy's Tenancy in HUB

Thank you for your letter of September 1, 1983. I am confused as to why Mr. Fryers called you. I have already indicated to him that I shall review the matter and, of course, I shall do so as fairly as I know how.

However, let me point out to you, and through you to him, that whether or not there is academic value to the university in Technocracy's renting space on campus is totally irrelevant. We are dealing with a commercial facility and the matter will be reviewed with that in mind. If an activity is of such academic value that it should be on campus, perhaps one of our programs, departments or faculties should accommodate it in space assigned for academic purposes.

Yours sincerely

Myer Horowitz
President

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c.c.
Mr. Walter Fryers

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO Dr. Myer Horowitz, President
The University of Alberta

DATE September 1, 1983

FROM Gordon Fearn, Associate Professor
Department of Sociology

Dear Dr. Horowitz:

I received a call yesterday from Walt Fryers informing me of recent developments concerning Technocracy's tenancy in HUB Mall. While I may not be aware of all the circumstances, I am concerned if indeed it is the case that a responsible and long-time tenant is now being evicted because of failure to meet some mercantile or commercial standard.

Technocracy's location within this university community is quite strategic, not only in relation to the organization's aims and programs, but also with the traditional spirit of the university. While I have debated "technocracy" with Technocracy and have assisted students in appreciating that debate, I also recognize the value of Technocracy's presence on campus and hope, if appropriate, that you will review the policy that has led to the notice to vacate.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Fearn

Gordon Fearn
Associate Professor

cc: ✓Walt Fryers

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TECHNOCRACY
INC.

1 Sep 83

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The attached items are self-explanatory. We were given two months notice to vacate dating from end of June. We have been granted an extra month, so effective date is end of September. We are using every means at our disposal to fight this order. If we lose this office, after over six years of effort, it will virtually extinguish us functionally for an indefinite period. We urge members and others to use any influence they may have to block this unjust manoeuvre by the Director of Food and Housing of this University. We have appealed to the Board of Governors and the President of the University. Final decision is pending at this time. Some faculty members have expressed support. But it is unlikely that all our concerted efforts can reverse the present decision. However we will take our case to the media, the students, members, faculty, or wherever there is a response. Should we win a reprieve, we will need additional financing to meet a probable large rent increase. The survival of Technocracy as a public entity in Edmonton is at stake. What does it mean to you?

Walt Fryers
Walt Fryers, Treas.

Address: 11353 A, Technocracy Inc., 9203.S 112th St., Edmonton, Alta. T6G 2C5

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Art.

What do you think of this.

Walt Fryers

I find this incredible, unfair, and a few other things beyond my understanding.
Good Luck!

Art Reinelt

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TECHNOCRACY
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31 August 1983

Editor Brent Jang,
Gateway,
Students' Union Bldg.,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Further to our conversation of 23 August, I attach a brief on our case for retaining our tenancy in The HUB Mall. This, together with the Declaration of Support, is proposed for wide circulation if time permits. We have also made an appeal to the Board of Governors and to President Horowitz personally. Some faculty members have indicated support. Your suggestion that our campaign be targetted for about 15 Sep if the issue has not been resolved by that time is excellent timing. In the meantime perhaps you would give us a second look.

Walt Fryers, Treas.

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Peter Block,
Vice-President Internal Affairs,
Students' Union, U of A.,
Students' Union Bldg.,
Edmonton, Alta.

Further to our telephone conversation of 24 August, I attach a brief explaining our position in respect to our tenancy in The HuB Mall. Also attached is a triplet of Briefs explaining in part the thesis of Technocracy. New thinking on economics is an imperative these days, wouldn't you say?

I am enclosing extra copies of our statement and the info. circulars for the attention of Vice-President Academic and Pres.Greenhill, and the Students' Union rep. to Board of Governors.

Walt Fryers. Treas.

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List of Supporters
(in Writing)

	Name	Declaration	Letter
1	Dr. J.K. Masson (Assoc. Prof. Pol. Ec.)	✓	
2	Jim Davidson (Winnipeg)	✓	
3	G. D. Wait (")	✓	
4	Mr. Dalzell (Med. Hat)	✓	
5	Oscar Isaac (" ")	✓	
6	Sigurd Dalzell (" ")	✓	
7	Sonja Bednwicz (" ")	✓	
8	Bernard Lisiski (Assoc. Prof. Phil.)	✓	
9	Ernst Mattson (member)	✓	
10	R. Gregory (Research Council.)	✓	
11	R. Taylor (member)	✓	
12	Dr. Ed. Shaffer (Prof. Economics)	✓	
13	Prof. E.R. Reinelt (Prof. Meteorology	✓	
14	Louie Kildaw	✓	
15	Ross Deacon (member) Edmonton.	✓	
16	H. Dremert (Calgary - professor)	✓	
17	Jean Sanderson (Calgary - student)	✓	
18	Leagh Gast (" ")	✓	

These Declarations of Support were collected at the Office of Technocracy Inc. in HUB Mall. They were never submitted to the Board of Governors. It is not known if any were sent directly to the Board.

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT

In my opinion it would be unfair and inappropriate for the University of Alberta to evict the Edmonton Unit of Technocracy Inc. from their long-time rented premises at 9203.S 112th St., in the HUB Mall.

This declaration does not imply, necessarily, my concurrence with Technocracy's thesis. It does imply my support for their right to present their subject in the academic/commercial environment of their present (and long-time) premises, subject to financial arrangements satisfactory to the University.

Professor
(Position)

Clement
(Your signature)

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Student — (Position)

Guy Sanderson — (Your signature)

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Businessman — (Position)

Ross Deacon — (Your signature)

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Retired
(Position)

Louie Kildaw
(Your signature)
NORTH BATTLEFORD

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(Position) (Your signature)

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Trend Ventures Inc. President retired — (Position)

F G Davidson — (Your signature) Winnipeg

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Marketing Mgr. (Position)

(Your signature) Winnipeg

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Steamfitter foreman (Stearns Catalytic) — Position

[signature] — Signature Medicine Hat

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Technocracy Organizer
(Position)

Oscar Isaac
(Your signature) Medicine Hat

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Housewife
Position

Signature Medicine Hat

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Housewife — Position

Sonja Bednarz — Signature Medicine Hat.

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Associate Prof., Dept. of Philosophy
(Position)

Bernard Linsky
(Your signature)
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Member
(Position)

Gust a Mattson
(Your signature)

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Alberta Research Council — (Position)

R Gregory — (Your signature)
Robert Gregory

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Member R. Taylor
(Position) (Your signature)

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Dr. Shaffer.

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Professor, Economics
(Position)

(Your signature)

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Professor
(Position)

E R Reinelt
(Your signature)

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!! N O T I C E T O V A C A T E !!

The Edmonton office of Technocracy Inc. has been given Notice to Vacate its rented office at 9203.S 112th St., in The HUB Mall on the University Campus.

Our appeal to the office of the Vice-President of Facilities and Services has been denied. Our final recourse is now The Board of Governors of the University. You can support our case.

We have been over six years in this location and have been acknowledged to be model tenants. The ground cited for our eviction is that the Mall is to be used for mercantile tenants only. This new policy is not only to be applied to new applicants for space but is also being made retroactive against our present and continuing tenure, which we submit is unfair. We have invested a great deal of time, money and effort in establishing our location, not only on a community basis but province-wide and continent-wide.

Although this policy appears to have an economic purpose, we have been given no alternative choice based on increased revenue to the University, which we might be willing and able to meet.

Aside from commercial considerations, we have been supplying a unique service to the academic resources of the University. The body of thought constituted under the title 'Technocracy' is nowhere else presented to the academic community or the general public in this area. It is a volunteer contribution which we think should not be extinguished.

To our knowledge Technocracy is the only fundamental new approach to the economics of a high-energy society; to the problem of abundant production and diminishing man-hours. It is unique in that it originated and is primarily applicable in the North American context. It presents a technological solution to our pervasive technological problems at the same time recognizing the social implications of our fast-advancing technology.

Freedom to make such a presentation within the University community is a matter of the utmost importance, particularly in these uncertain times. Qualified members of this Unit have given lectures on request in various departments, including Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, Industrial Arts, and in the Faculty of Education.

Our case does not rest only upon the economic equity involved but also importantly upon the academic and intellectual rights and freedoms which we are upholding until such time as the University provides appropriate recognition and accommodation for the body of thought of Technocracy. Of course we are agreeable to supplementing our present rental to put it on a comparable basis with other commercial tenants.

Whether you support the thesis of Technocracy or not, if you support our case for continuing tenancy in The HUB Mall, complete the attached form and mail or deliver it to one of the addresses shown. Your intercession on our behalf is vital to our contemporary survival as a public entity in Edmonton.

Walter Fryers.

Walter Fryers, Treas.,
for Unit A, R.D 11353,
Technocracy Inc.

5th August 1983.